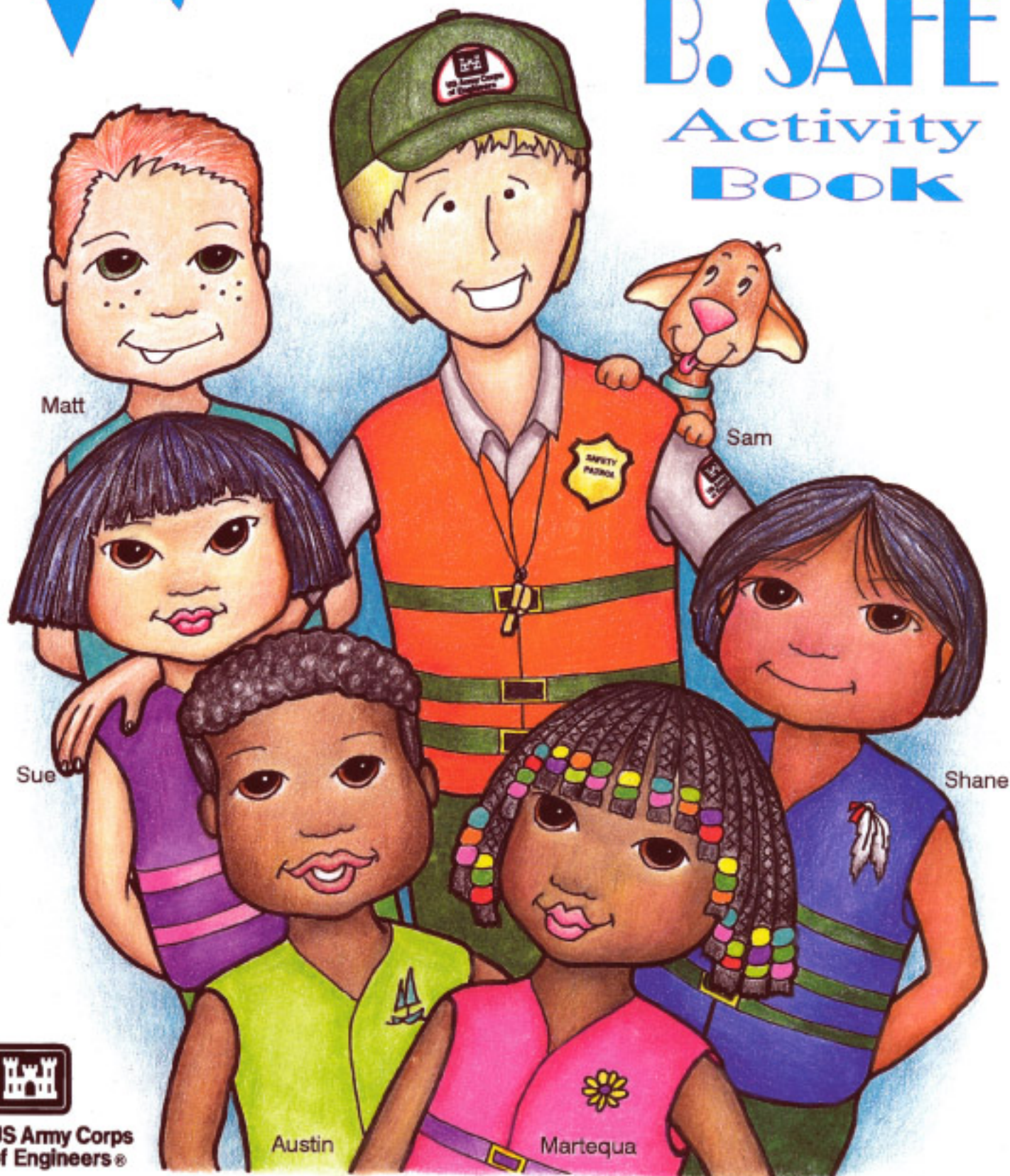


Ranger WILLIE

B. SAFE

Activity Book



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HERE'S THE STORY OF WILLIE B. SAFE...

Who started out an accident-prone waif.
As he grew, he learned how to avoid danger;
Now he's a Corps of Engineers Park Ranger.

Willie B. Safe, we need to know,
To help our sons and daughters,
The safety lessons we need to show,
When they're around the water.

Willie says tell her or him,
The first rule is **"LEARN TO SWIM"**.
And tell all the girls and boys,
Don't depend on inflatable toys.

Put on a life jacket or **"PFD"**
It's the safest thing for you and me.
Remember, if you fall out of the boat,
They float, and guess what...you don't!

Willie B. Safe, we need to know,
To help our sons and daughters,
The safety lessons we need to show,
When they're around the water.

Willie says that to stay alive,
Into lakes and rivers **NEVER DIVE!**
Even if you may be bored,
Think about your spinal cord.

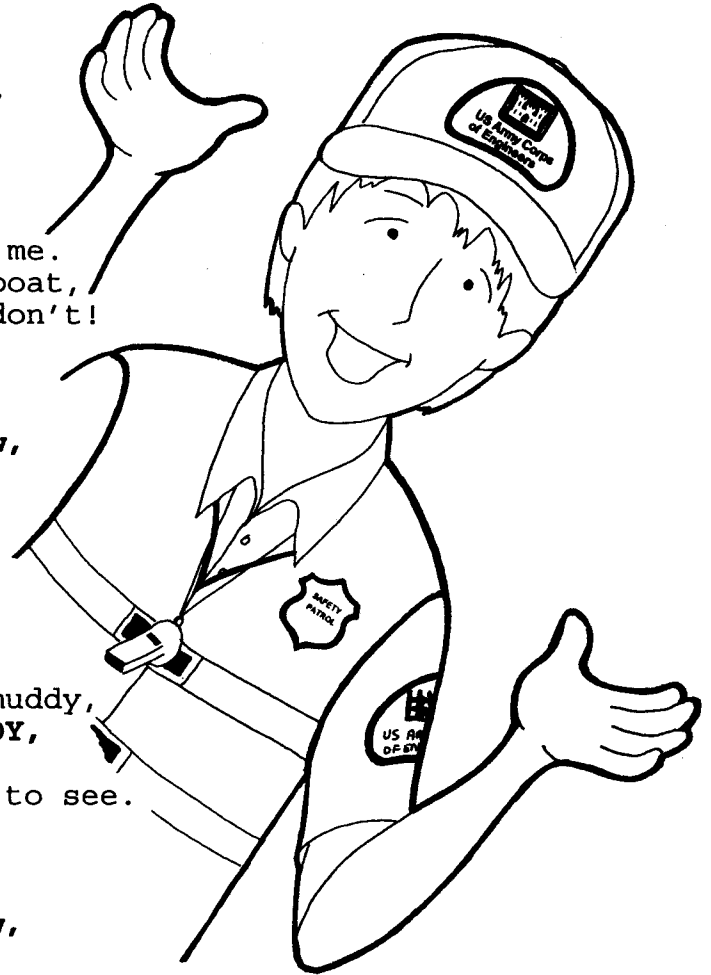
And whether the water's clear or muddy,
You should **ALWAYS** swim with a **BUDDY**,
In a place that is safe to be,
Where those watching you are sure to see.

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When they're around the water.

If the boat tips over, stay with it - don't go.
And if someone falls out, know what to throw.
Something nearby that **FLOATS** will do,
Or hold out a paddle and pull them to you.

Never pretend to drown, what a fright!
And horseplay just isn't right.
Stay away from alcohol and drugs,
You'll be around for lots more **HUGS**.

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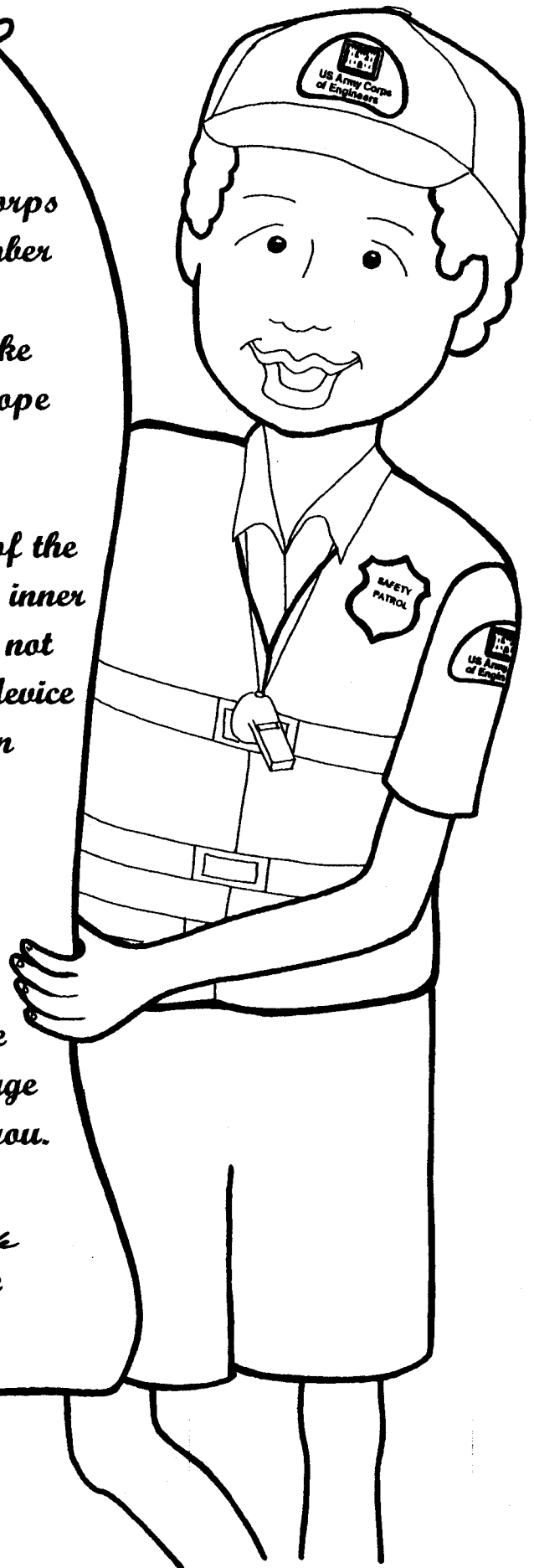
Dear Parents:

Did you know the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the nation's number one provider of water-based recreation? That's why we take water safety seriously. We hope you do too!

Many children are unaware of the dangers of water. Falling off inner tubes, poor swimming abilities, not wearing a personal floatation device (PFD), and lack of supervision contribute to many drowning fatalities.

Please take the time to discuss the importance of water safety with your child. I represent the spirit of this effort and encourage you to use my book to assist you.

*Your Friend,
Willie B. Safe
Willie B. Safe
Park Ranger*



**One of the first
rules of water safety
is learn to swim.**

Did you know...

**2/3 of drowning
victims had no
intention of being in
the water.**

**Color in the number with
the correct color to find out
what Sam wants you to
learn to do.**

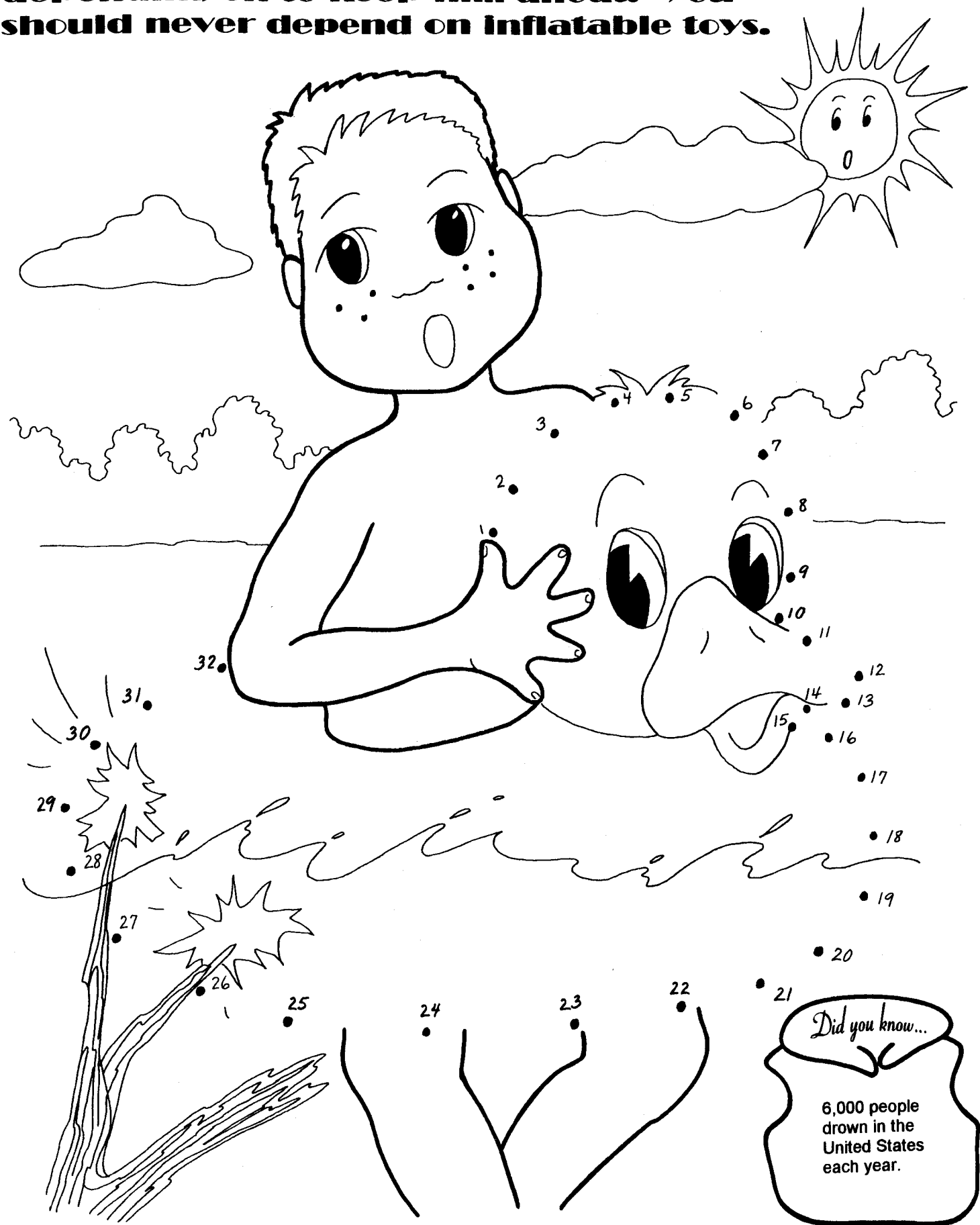
Did you know...

In 1995,
950 children under
the age of 14
drowned.



1 = yellow 2 = brown 3 = pink 4 = blue

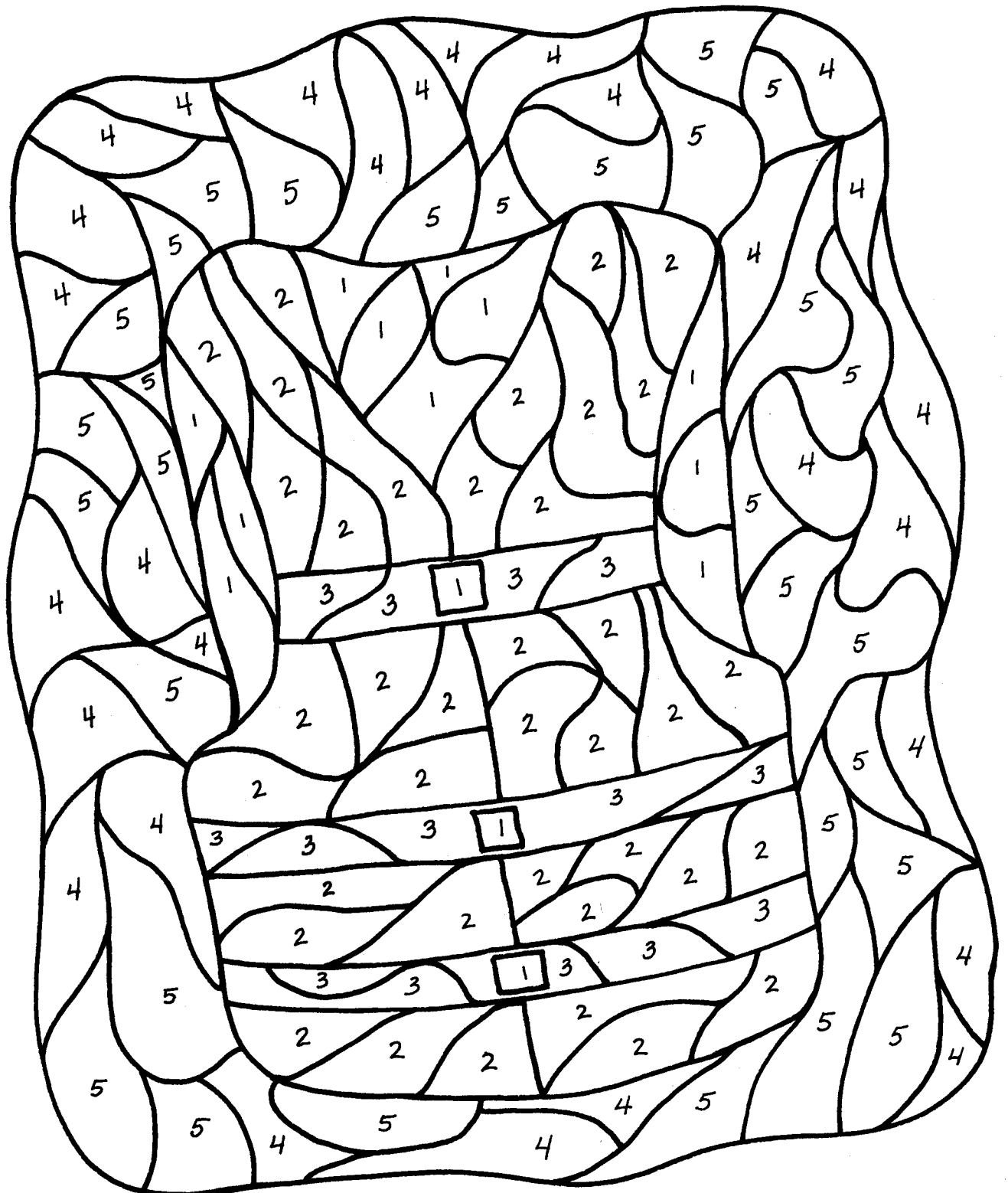
Connect the dots to find out what he is depending on to keep him afloat. You should never depend on inflatable toys.



Did you know...

6,000 people
drown in the
United States
each year.

This can save your life,



**fill in the number with the correct color
to find out what it is.**

1 = black

2 = yellow

3 = red

4 = green

5 = blue

WORD SEARCH

Color in the words and phrases. They go up, down, across, backwards, and diagonal.

B	E	A	C	H	T	W	W	A	T	E	R	T	N	S
U	O	B	U	A	R	A	O	U	K	F	N	H	J	U
D	F	L	O	I	A	T	B	R	C	A	D	R	O	R
Y	I	F	T	F	C	E	K	I	A	S	I	O	J	D
S	R	S	R	H	H	S	N	V	J	B	V	W	P	O
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WORDS & PHRASES TO FIND

BEACH
BOAT
BUDDY SYSTEM
DON'T DO DRUGS
DROWN
FISH
FLOAT
HAVE FUN
HYPOTHERMIA
LAKE
LIFE JACKET
NO DIVING



NO JUMPING
PFD (Personal Flotation Device)
RANGER
REACH POLE
RESCUE
RIVER
SWIMMING LESSONS
THROW RING
TUBE
WATER
WATER SAFETY
WILLIE B SAFE



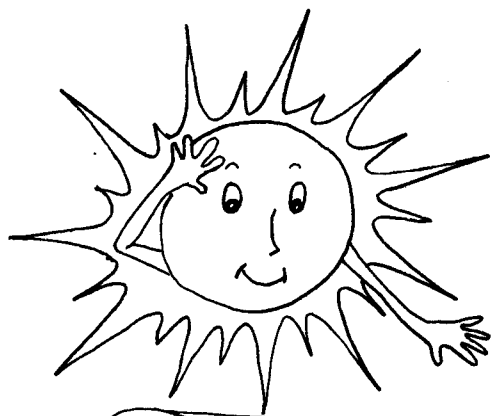


You should never dive into lakes or rivers, it is very dangerous!

ROCK WOOD
BEACH

Did you know...

More than 8,000 people suffer paralyzing spinal cord injuries from diving accidents.



**Staying with the boat was
the smart thing to do.
Connect the dots to find
out what other smart thing
they did.**

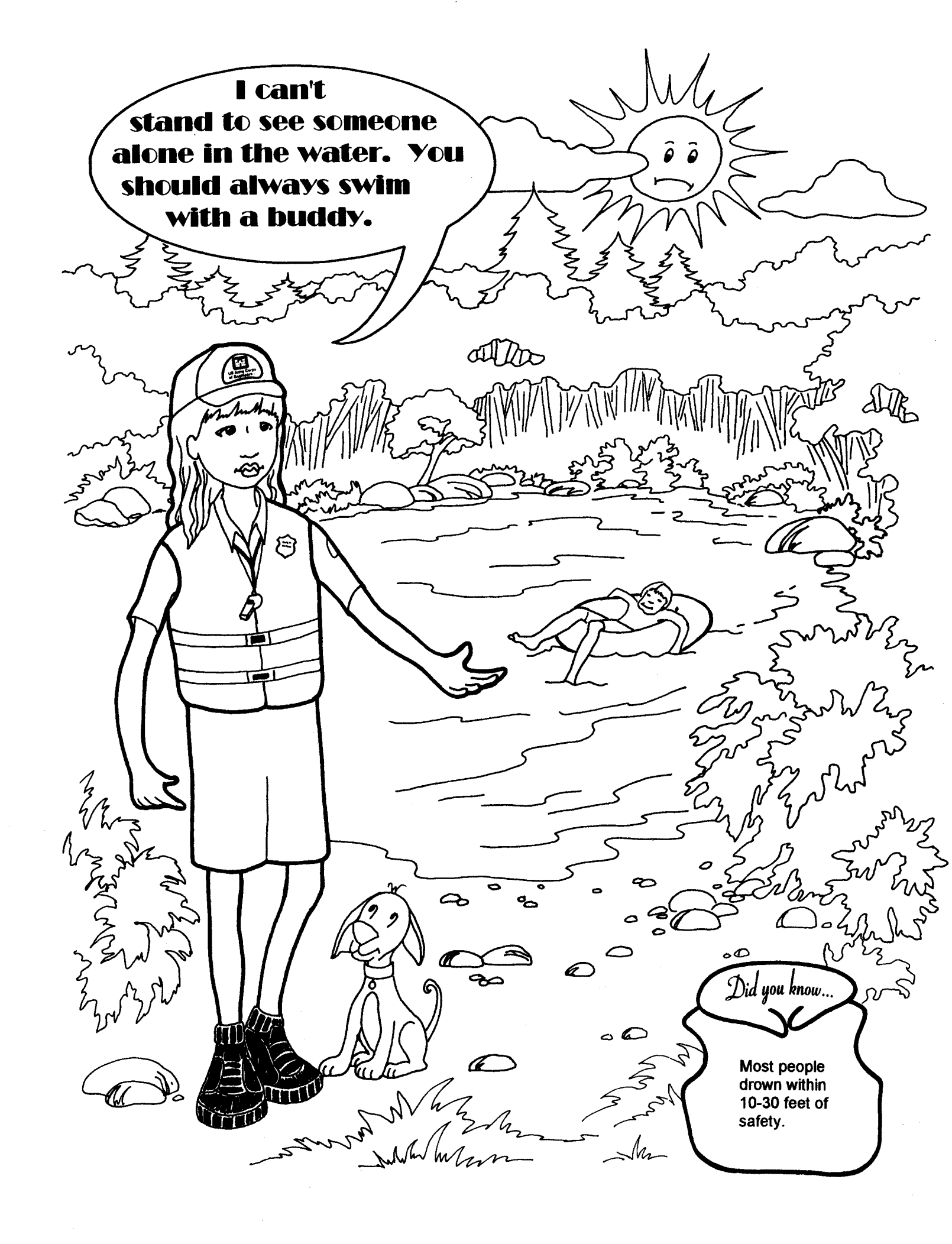
Did you know...

Capsizing and
falling overboard
account for 70%
of all boating
fatalities.



Help Ranger Willie get to the things he will need on a boat.



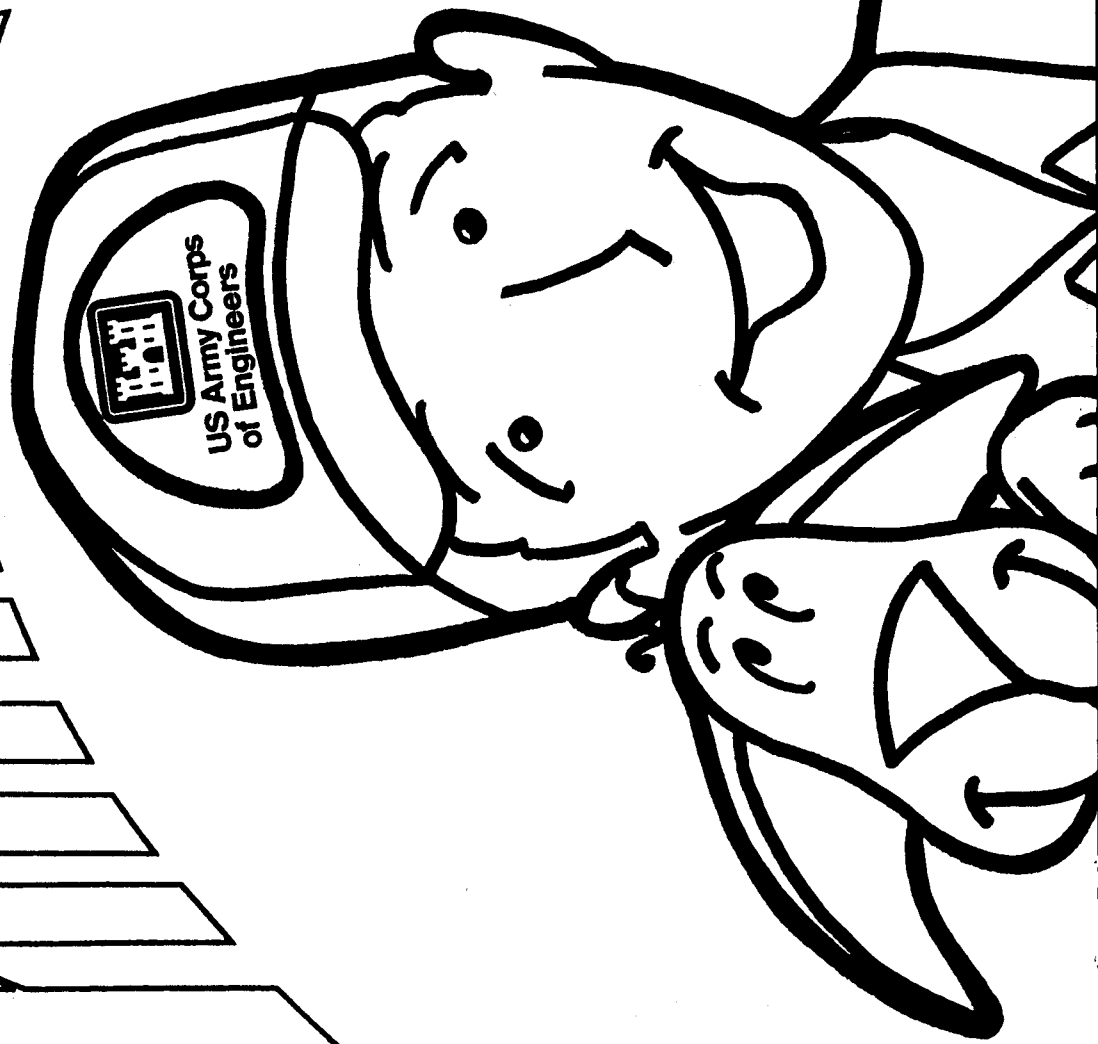


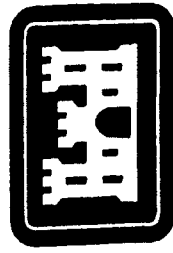
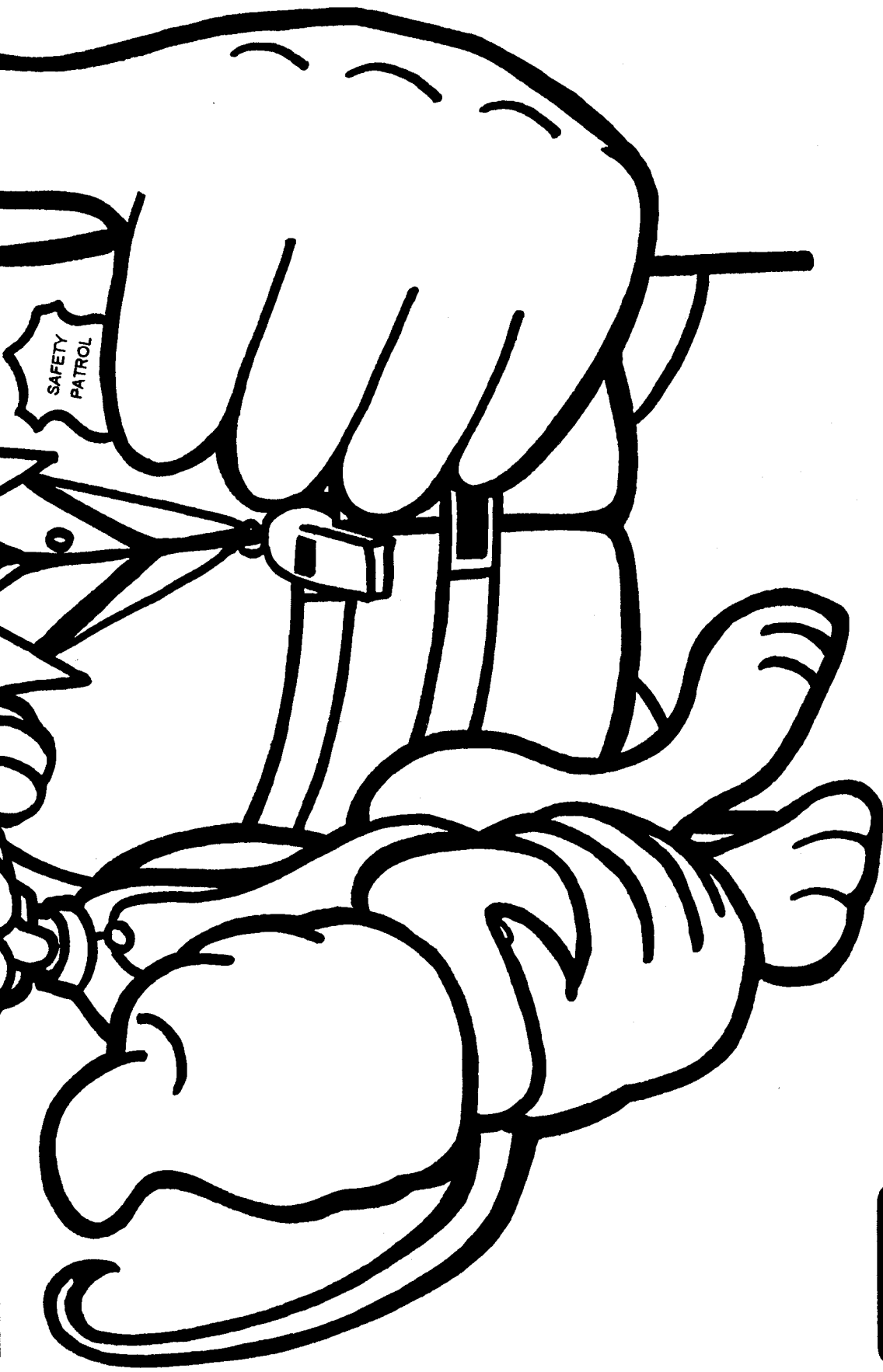
**I can't
stand to see someone
alone in the water. You
should always swim
with a buddy.**

Did you know...

**Most people
drown within
10-30 feet of
safety.**

Wink and Smile!

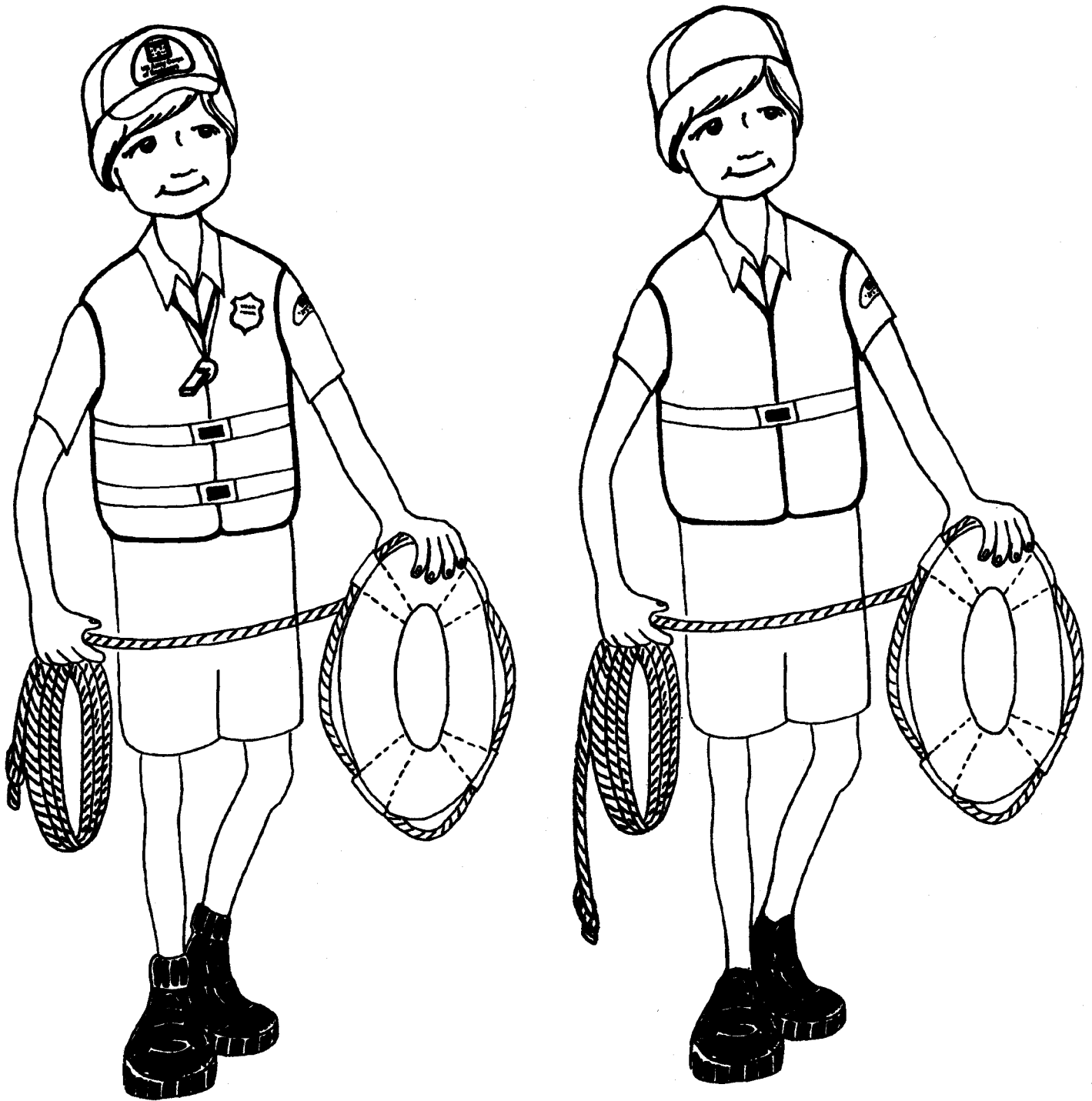




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RANGER WILLIE B. SAFE and friends

Can you find seven things different about Ranger Willie?



ANSWERS: Corps emblem from cap is missing, bill on ball cap is missing, sleeves are shorter, one buckle strap is missing from the life jacket, knotted-rope end is longer, socks are missing, whistle is missing.

**You should always
swim in a safe area
and with a buddy.**



What is wrong with this picture?



Did you know...

Drowning is the
second leading
cause of accidental
deaths for persons
15-44 years old.

Answer: You should never pretend to drown.

**What things could you throw or reach out to
rescue someone without risking your life?
Color in your answers.**



ANSWERS:
ball, jug, stick, ice chest, ring buoy, paddle, inflatable toy,
minnow bucket, boat oar.

**You should always swim in
a safe area, and where
your parents can see you.**





Personal Watercrafts (PWC) are not toys! You should never jump the wake of other PWC's or boats. Always watch out for others!



Oh my! Those kids should know better than to horseplay around on a boat especially with no life jacket on. Doesn't that adult know that it's dangerous to mix alcohol and water?

Did you know...

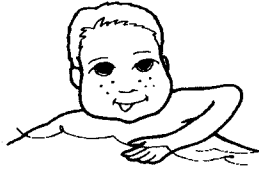
Over 3,000 people who drown each year were using drugs or alcohol.

Ranger Willie's Be Safe Page



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learn to



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believes that

you should always wear a



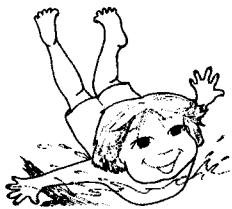
when around water.



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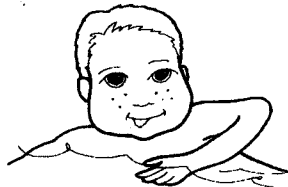


know you should never



into lakes or rivers. You

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in a safe area,

where a grown-up can



you.



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safest way to



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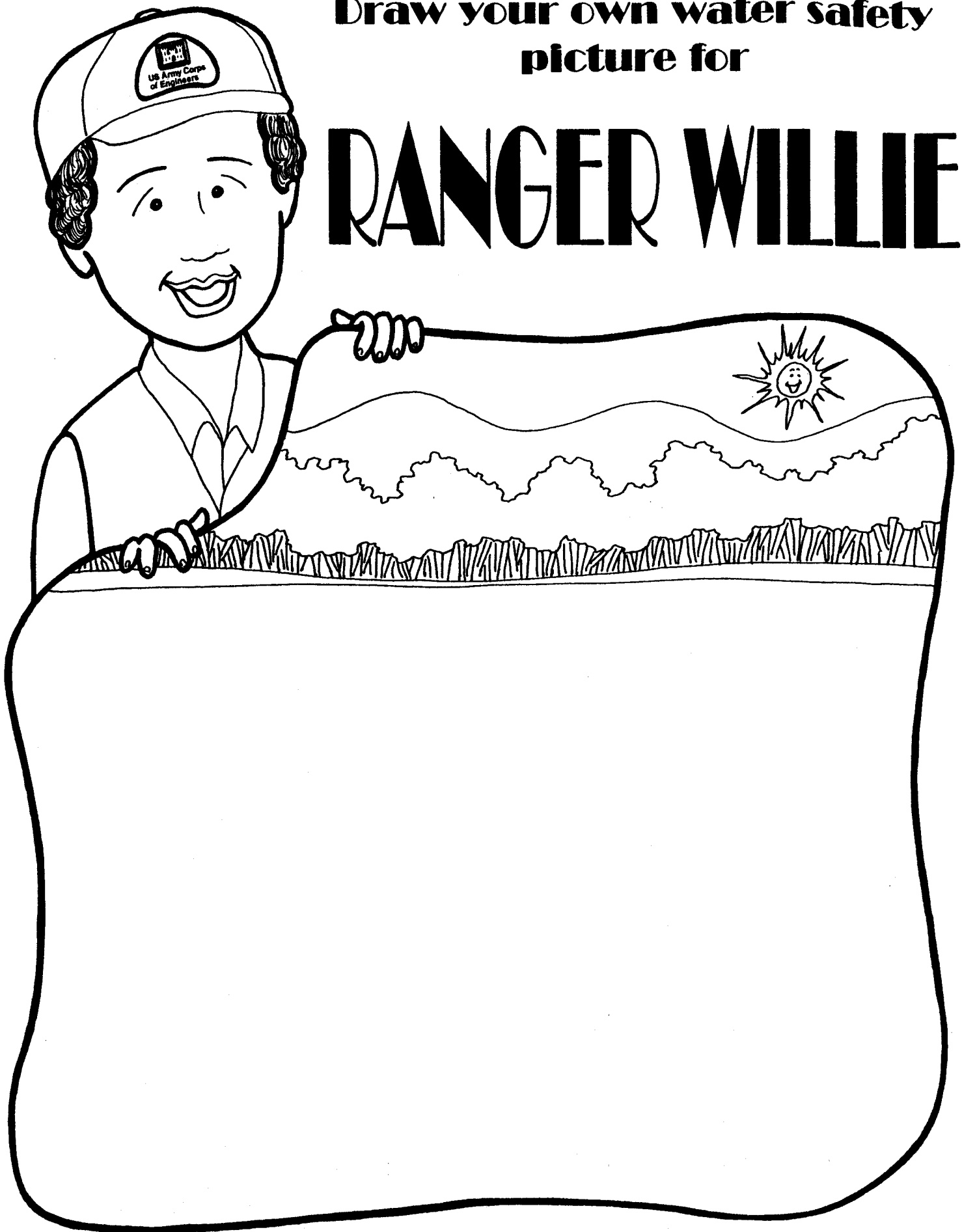
Ranger Willie wants you to...



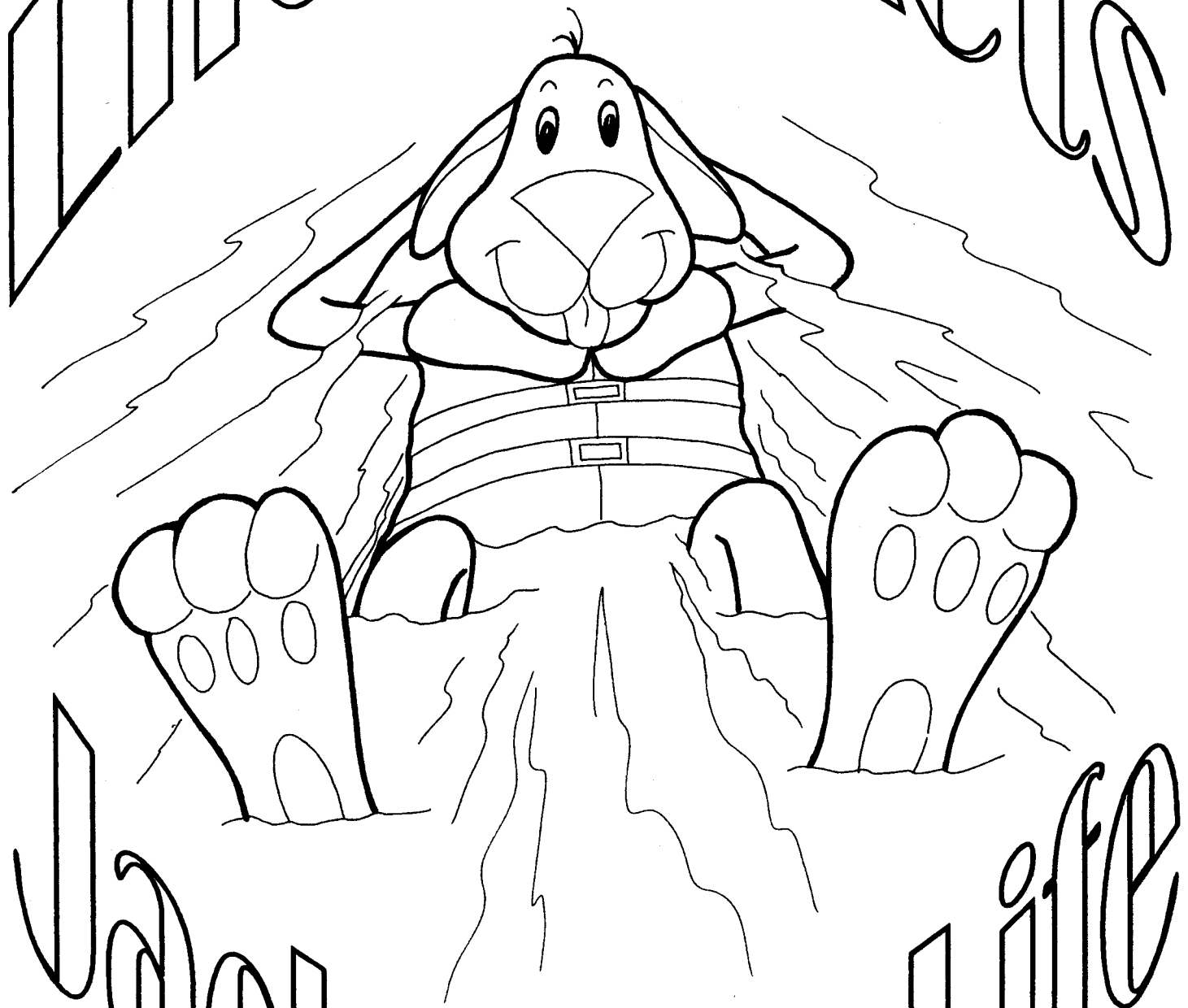
Wear your life jacket!

**Draw your own water safety
picture for**

RANGER WILLIE



Life Jackets



Jackets for Life



Certificate of Accomplishment

Awarded to:

Willie B. Safe

Ranger Willie B. Safe

For Successfully Completing

RANGER

Willie B. Safe



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